

On the Centre-State Financial Relations, while the Standing Committee had reached a consensus in respect of some recommendations, the matter could not be taken up for discussion in the meeting of the Inter-State Council held on 17.7.1997.

The views of the Members of the Standing Committee including the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, were kept in view while preparing the consensus documents.

[Translation]

Upphokta Kalyan Kosh

3261. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the new-item captioned 'Upphokta Kalyan Kosh, Kalyan Sey Kesa Door' appeared in the *Navbharat Times* dated June 23, 1997;

(b) whether the Consumer Welfare Fund is not competent enough to play an important role in the welfare of common people;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the concrete steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The overall objective of the Consumer Welfare Fund is to provide financial assistance to promote and protect the welfare of the consumers and strengthen the voluntary consumer movement in the country particularly in the rural areas. The proposals for financial assistance from agencies/organisations engaged in consumer welfare activities for a period of not less than three years and registered under the Companies Act, 1956 (1 of 1956) or under any law for the time being in force, are processed as per the Rules and assistance is granted to all eligible organisation.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of reply at (b) above.

[English]

Use of Green House in Agriculture

3262. SHRI L. RAMANA :
SHRI MOHAMMAD ALI ASHRAF FATMI :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated any plan to use modern technology like Green House in the agriculture;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the benefits therefrom; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme entitled 'Use of Plastics in Agriculture' which includes the component of Green House. Assistance is being provided for construction of Low Cost, Medium Cost and High Cost Green Houses involving a maximum subsidy of Rs. 31,250 for low-cost Green House, Rs. one lakh for medium & High cost Green Houses, respectively. The benefits derived from Green Houses are as follows:

(1) it is possible to grow high quality seedlings of horticultural crops;

(2) it is possible to grow high quality flowers and foliage plants for domestic as well as export market;

(3) it is possible to grow off season vegetables;

(4) it is possible to grow vegetable under cold desert conditions.

(c) Does not arise.

Delhi Police

3263. SHRI VIJAY GOEL : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) the number of Delhi Police personnel killed or injured while on duty, during the last three years;

(b) the prescribed proviso to provide relief and assistance to the deceased family and to the injured personnel;

(c) whether the Government have any proposal under consideration to increase the limit of monetary assistance provided to the family of the deceased or to the injured personnel in view of the high risk involved these days in the nature of duties of the police personnel including the traffic personnel; and

(d) if so, the details of such a proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) The requisite information is as under:

Year	Number of Police Personnel	
	Killed (on duty)	Injured (on duty)
1994	16	212
1995	7	264
1996	10	174

(b) The following pensionary and other monetary benefits are allowed in such cases:—

- (1) Liberalised Pensionary Award equal to Last Pay Drawn

or

Extraordinary Pension at the rate of 60% of Basic Pay subject to minimum of Rs. 750 per month and maximum of Rs. 2500 per month.

- (2) Payment of Death-Cum-Retirement Gratuity and benefits admissible under Group Insurance Scheme.
- (3) Appointment of the ward/family member of the deceased on compassionate ground; and
- (4) Grant of ex-gratia payment as per Government of NCT of Delhi's instructions on the subject.

- (c) and (d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

Procurement of Rice in Andhra Pradesh

3264. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to procure another 10 lakh tonnes of rice from the State through FCI in June, 1997;

(b) the extent to which this procurement will help the Union Government in storing the rice during the current season;

(c) the total rice procured by the Food Corporation of India from the State upto now and the extent to which it is more in comparison to the previous years; and

(d) whether it is the highest target achieved by the FCI in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS (SHRI RAGHUVANS PRASAD SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The procurement of rice (including paddy in terms of rice) in Andhra Pradesh since 1993-94 is as under:

(Lakh Tonnes)

Marketing Season	Qty. of Rice procured
1993-94	39.87
1994-95	40.24
1995-96	36.82
1996-97	44.64 (as on 4.8.97)

(d) Procurement of 44.64 lakh tonnes of rice in the current kharif marketing season, 1996-97 (upto 4.8.97) is the highest in the State.

Production of the Paddy/Rice in A.P

3265. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the paddy output turned out to be very high this year in the State of Andhra Pradesh due to good monsoon;

(b) if so, whether the production is good but the prices have not come down particularly in the Krishna District;

(c) if so, whether the Food Corporation of India procures 4.37 lakh tonnes of rice every year from the Krishna district;

(d) if so, whether Food Corporation of India has purchased 75 per cent of the target during the Kharif season while 25 per cent in the Rabi season;

(e) if so, the total production of rice in the State of Andhra Pradesh during the current Kharif season; and

(f) the steps taken by the Government to procure the surplus rice from the State of Andhra Pradesh?